



3rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Academy has been made aware that a small number of members of staff have tested positive for COVID-19, including the Headteacher, and several others are self-isolating on the instruction of Track and Trace. As a result, there has been a reduction in the staffing available in school to support and supervise students.

As such, the Academy has reviewed its dynamic risk assessment, and in order to sustain adequate staffing levels in school, the decision has been taken to undertake an enforced closure of the Year 10 bubble for three days from Wednesday 4th November until Friday 6th November. **Therefore, all Year 10 students will access their learning remotely via Sharepoint** (details of which are on the Academy website). We anticipate students will return to school as normal on Monday 9th November 2020. However, please check the school website for updates. **This does not impact on any other year groups who should continue to come to school as normal.**

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and will continue to keep you updated. The St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi Academy Trust has deployed myself, Matt Turton (Director of Performance and Standards), to deputise for the Headteacher in her absence.

Furthermore, the following actions are required of all students with effect from Thursday 5th November:

- All students to wear a non-patterned face covering when in general circulation:
 - Face coverings should be worn when students enter the school site
 - The only time when students are permitted not to wear a face covering is inside of the classroom and in their social area
 - An individual resealable plastic bag should be used to store the face covering when not in use
 - The face covering should be removed by the ear straps, not by touching the main section which covers the mouth and nose
- Increase the frequency of hand sanitising and hand washing
- Maintain social distance from staff *at all times*

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate contact the school by phone.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Turton

Director of Performance and Standards



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